

Please insert the following brief description of Figures 7 and 8 on page 6, after line 15 of the specification as follows:

Q2 --FIG. 7 is a fragmentary plan view of a low noise chain according to a modification of the present invention; and

FIG. 8 is an enlarged view of a part of FIG. 7.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 26 of the specification with the following new paragraph:

Q3 --It will be appreciated that the length of the roller chain 10 comprises more than two longitudinal portions of uniform lengths, and the zigzag pattern of the elastic rollers 18 in one longitudinal chain portion is opposite in phase to the zigzag pattern of the elastic rollers 18 in the adjacent longitudinal chain portion. In FIGS. 7 and 8, one longitudinal chain portion and the adjacent longitudinal chain portion of the roller chain 10 are designated by CH1 and CH2, respectively.--

not shown

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Q4 sub c1 1. (Amended) A low noise roller chain comprising:

inner and outer links alternately arranged and articulately connected together in a longitudinal direction of the roller chain,

the inner links each having a bushing and a pair of inner plates connected to opposite ends of the bushing, respectively,

the outer links each having a pin and a pair of outer plates connected to opposite ends of the pin, respectively, the pin extending through the bushing; and

a rigid roller made of metal and an elastic roller made of elastic material that are arranged end to end and fitted on the bushing so as to jointly form a roller assembly,

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the elastic roller having a width along an axis of the roller assembly, which is 13 to 45% of an overall width of the roller assembly along the axis thereof, and

the elastic roller having a uniform thickness throughout the width thereof, the thickness of the elastic roller being larger than a thickness of the rigid roller by 5 to 25% of the thickness of the elastic roller.
